

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH THROUGH THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING
OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS
COVERING CHINA AND OUTER MONGOLIA

1. Point one on the agenda "Current Activities of the IAC Agencies Providing Service in the Extraction and Dissemination of Raw Information from Foreign Language Publications" was discussed item by item by each agency.

a. What publications are exploited?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipei: Nationalist press.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: Regularly exploits 20 newspapers and news agency releases in both the Chinese and the English languages.

Army: Other than captured documents little is done in the field of exploitation.

Navy: None

Air Force: Coverage of titles is on a diminishing scale. Originally 40 titles were covered. That has now been reduced to about half a dozen or less.

CIA: 31 newspaper titles from Communist China are regularly exploited (45 titles have been received); 4 newspaper titles from Hong Kong and 30 Overseas Chinese newspaper titles. 109 periodical titles and about 600 monographs a year are covered.

b. Is there any area or country limitation?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipei: Covers local information, editorial, biographic and organization on ad hoc basis.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: "Current Background Series" covers Communist China. "Survey of Mainland Press" includes foreign relations as well as domestic information. "Review of Hong Kong Chinese Press" covers mainly Communist China, but also covers local Hong Kong information and covers Communist propaganda materials.

Army: Unknown

Navy: [No exploitation]

Air Force: Only Communist China information is covered.

CIA: Only Communist China is regularly covered. Hong Kong and Taiwan are covered on specific requests.

c. What is the nature of requirements served on the existing services?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipeh: Can handle only State requirements.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: Makes use of the Comprehensive Economic Reporting Program and the Foreign Service Manual as requirements guides. Service is under the Hong Kong Consul General and primarily services his needs. Service might be guided by specific interests of IAC agencies and specific requirements might be served on the Service within limits of capabilities.

Army: Operating units are under respective Army commands and are responsive to requirements of those commands. The 500th MIS Group might be responsive to requirements submitted through AFTE.

Navy: [No exploitation]

Air Force: Only Air Force requirements are served.

CIA: The requirements serviced cover all the IAC agencies and almost all subject categories.

d. Are there any subject limitations?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipeh: Editorials, biographic and organizational on local level.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: Generally no subject limitations. Concentration is on political, but economic and sociological also monitored.

Army: Unknown

Navy: [No exploitation]

Air Force: All subjects are covered, but main emphasis is on installations, economic and military.

CIA: There are no subject limitations.

e. What reports are produced? How are they disseminated?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipeh: Enclosures to dispatches; available to IAC on request; not disseminated.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: (a) "Current Background Series," irregular; (b) "Survey of China Mainland Press," every other day; (c) "Review of Hong Kong Chinese Press," 250 issues yearly. For all of this, stencils are cut in Hong Kong and sent to Washington for dissemination. For Item b, 45 copies are distributed to government agencies and 100 copies to universities and scholars.

Army: Reports are not generally disseminated outside of the Department of the Army.

Navy: [No exploitation]

Air Force: Reports are produced in target data format, a single report for each item. These are disseminated to the intelligence community.

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CIA: (1) Newspaper reports in form of [REDACTED]

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(2) Periodical reports: (a) indexed directly into OCD Intelofax; (b) [REDACTED] reports on exploited material.

(3) Monographs: (a) annotated bibliographies on [REDACTED] form; (b) exploitation and translations reported.

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F. What is extent of existing facilities in the way of personnel, reference materials, files, etc.?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipei: Two Chinese linguists.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: One FSO, one Chinese editor, seven translators, plus clerical.

Army: (1) 500th MIS Group, Tokyo

(2) 525th MIS Group, Fort Bragg

(3) 338th MIS Battalion, Fort Meade

Navy: [No exploitation]

Air Force: The 600th Air Intelligence Service Squadron in Tokyo has 15 translators.

CIA: FOD has 20 intelligence officer linguists; reference materials are extensive, but lack of specialized Chinese-English vocabularies is a problem. FOD has an index of translations from foreign languages and is able to avoid most duplication.

g. Is there any further potential or are there plans for expanding activities?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipei: No plans for expansion.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: There is a pending recommendation to increase translator from seven to nine.

Army: No known plans for expansion.

Navy: No exploitation

Air Force: The 6004th might be expanded but there are no present plans.

CIA: FDD plans to extend its newspaper coverage by reorganization of procedures, including publishing a complete index of at least one Chinese Communist newspaper. Broadening of subject coverage is being obtained at present. There are no present plans for increasing personnel.

h. Can or do these activities serve in any capacity as a common service to the intelligence community?

State: (1) US Embassy, Taipei: Service only State requirements; information produced is not disseminated but is available to IAC agencies on request.

(2) Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service: Common service to the extent of dissemination of production to the intelligence community.

Army: The Army units do not serve as a common service.

Navy: No exploitation

Air Force: Requirements probably could not be served on the 6004th by the IAC agencies, although some common service is attained by distribution of the 6004th reports.

CIA: FDD's exploitation activity is by directive and by practice a common service operation.

2. Development of need for exploitation of foreign language publications by FDD/CIA.

a. What current publications should be covered?

State: No current sources should be exploited by FDD. Routine exploitation of "primary sources" such as yearbooks, party tracts, statistical compendia and references on basis of guide requirements. Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service covers Department's needs for mainland press.

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As to Outer Mongolia State needs: (a) translation of certain specific Russian reference volumes; (b) processing of any Outer Mongolian materials that may become available in the Mongol language focused on NIS requirements.

Army: First priority on mainland newspapers (provincial), then in order central press, mainland periodicals, and books for information of Army interest.

Navy: Same as Army for information of Navy interest.

Air Force: Similar to Army.

CIA: All current publications to be covered in some form of exploitation.

b. Which publications and which subjects should receive priority processing?

State: "Primary sources" in answer to specific requests on routine basis.

Army: First priority for information on order of battle, changes in military policy, troop movements; secondly, information on organizations, training and equipment; thirdly, technical, health and sanitation, transportation, topography, and communications.

Air Force: Newspapers, periodicals, books, in that order. Priorities depend on current survey by Air Force of its China Project. General requirements as stipulated in BAIR (Basic Air Intelligence Requirements).

CIA: Newspapers should receive sustained depth exploitation. Books and periodicals should receive only annotation and description, except for specific requirements.

c. What methods of exploitation should be used?

State: Full translations preferred.

Army: Exploitation by periodic summaries and extracts of newspapers, abstracts of periodicals and books.

Air Force: Same as Army.

CIA: (1) Two newspapers should be completely indexed.

(2) Selected periodicals and books should be abstracted.

(3) Available source materials should be reported in a monthly report.

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(4) All other reporting should be in answer to specific requests, with type of report (compilation, collation, translation, summary, etc.) dependent on the type of request.

d. What methods of reporting should be used?

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State: Compilations, collations, translations, as appropriate in present ██████ form. Whenever possible, reports should be unclassified.

Army: Compilations and collations of press at 2 to 3 month intervals, plus spot reports. Abstract reports for periodicals and books.

Air Force: Same as Army.

CIA: (1) Index of newspapers.

(2) Abstracts of periodicals and books.

(3) Type of report for specific requests to be determined by requests.

e. What part of the effort should be set aside for specific searches in non-current publications and preparation of comprehensive digests or compilations? What basic projects should be undertaken? In what priority?

State: All time should be spent on non-current publications.

Army: Part of the effort should be set aside for specific requests.

CIA: All time remaining after indexing of newspapers and abstracting of periodicals and monographs.

f. Should FDD do only straight reporting or would insertion of factual comments be advisable or desirable where appropriate?

State: Insertions of factual comments for clarification purposes only.

Army: Comment is desired when it will help clarify the report.

CIA: Factual comments, properly documented, and adequately separated from data reported, are desired.

g. How can closer liaison between FDD and consumer be developed?

State: (1) A monthly meeting with chief of branches.

(2) FDD personnel to sit in China Branch, State Department one day a week.

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Army: (1) Monthly or bimonthly meetings between officers of G-2 and FDD.

(2) Continuation of program of placing FDD reservists on tour of duty in G-2.

CIA: Frequent and regular contact between FDD and CIA working level personnel.

3. Are present efforts in translation service of the IAC agencies effectively meeting the needs of the consumers?

State: Present translation facilities are not meeting State's needs. State cannot expand its facilities.

Army: Army's translation facilities are not adequate for its needs.

Navy: Same as Army.

CIA: Addressed the subject of exploitation effort.

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